

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the process in question, the temperature of the coating to be achieved at the outlet 15 is of the order of 105 to 130°C so as to place the bitumen in a viscous condition and to cause complete evaporation of the water and total drying of the introduced materials at the inlet 11.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The gases generating during heating, the water vapor as well as the most volatile organic products, issuing from the bitumen, are evacuated to the atmosphere by means for evacuating the gaseous effluents 13, but it will be seen that the gaseous effluents contain very reduced proportions of organic substances at these temperatures.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The process then provides a second step which consists in bringing the coating to the final working temperature, namely 160 to 220°C, in a second module. Prior to this, the grains and agglomerates from the first module are preferably introduced continuously into means to agglutinate 17 the fine elements, the grains and agglomerates. The fines ensure cohesion.--